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Classified By: Acting P/E Counselor Jon Martinson, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

¶1. (S) During a meeting on April 9 unrelated to reftel, MFA Asia and Pacific Department Deputy Director Laszlo Kuti told PolOff that he met with the Vienna-based North Korean Deputy Chief of Mission on April 8 to discuss the recent missile launch. Kuti stated that the North Korean diplomat was under instructions to deliver a demarche expressing displeasure with the international community's response to the April 5 Taepo-Dong 2 missile launch. The diplomat told Kuti that the launch was a success and the communications satellite is currently transmitting "patriotic songs."

¶2. (S) Asked if the North Korean diplomat raised any issues related to the six-party talks, Kuti said that, although the EU does not participate in those discussions, the North Korean told him that the international response would have a negative, over-shadowing influence on future talks.

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